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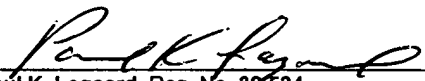
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present Amendment and Response is filed in regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 15, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-17 and 21-26 as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted claims 1-36 into six groups. Group I contains claims 1-6 drawn to azido-containing piperazine derivatives. Group II contains claims 7-12 drawn to azido biphenyl derivatives. Group III contains claims 13-17 drawn to pyridyl derivatives. Group IV contains claims 18-20 drawn to methods of employing the compounds of group I. Group V contains claims 21-23 drawn to methods of employing the compounds of group II. Group VI contains claims 24-26 drawn